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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 5360

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AFIN, AORG, UNRWA, SREF

SUBJECT: UN BUDGET - FUNDING OF UNRWA

REF: (A) STATE 256003; (B) BEIRUT 12349 (C) USUN 3770

1. USUN WAS HEARTENED BY SUPPORT AND HELPFUL COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM EMBASSY BEIRUT (REF B) TO OUR PROPOSAL CONTAINED REF C. WE THOUGHT THAT ADVANTAGES OUTLINED IN BOTH CABLES WOULD HAVE BEEN SUFFICIENT TO CONVINCE DEPT THAT MUCH WAS TO BE GAINED FROM INCORPORATION OF AT LEAST UNRWA "GENERAL ADMINISTRATION" COSTS WITHIN UN REGULAR PROGRAM BUDGET. WHILE WE BELIEVE EMBASSY BEIRUT CAN MORE APPROPRIATELY COMMENT ON POSSIBLE EFFECT OF INCORPORATING UNRWA INTERNATIONAL STAFF INTO OVERALL UN STAFFING PATTERN, WE ARE SOMEWHAT SURPRISED AT DEPT'S CONCERN OVER BROADENING THE GEOGRAPHICAL COMPOSITION OF THE CURRENT UNRWA STAFF. AS DEPT IS AWARE, CHARTER PROVISIONS UNDER ART 101 PARA 3 WOULD BE APPLIED ONLY OVER PERIOD OF TIME. MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS OF UNRWA BUDGET WOULD CONTINUE TO HAVE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT VOICE IN STAFFING OF AGENCY;
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MOREOVER, WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND OBJECTION PER SE

TO BRINGING IN SOME NEW BLOOD. INDEED, BROADER GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION MIGHT STIMULATE DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS BY SOME OF RICHER LDCS AND GIVE UNRWA OFFICIALS ADDITIONAL CHANNELS THROUGH WHICH TO FUNNEL APPEAL FOR SUPPORT.

2. USUN CONTINUED TO BE CONVINCED THAT USG SHOULD ADOPT GENERALLY FAVORABLE POSTURE ON LIMITED PROPOSAL TO INCORPORATE UNRWA "GENERAL ADMINISTRATION" SECTION INTO UN REGULAR PROGRAM BUDGET. WE WOULD LET SOVS TAKE ONUS IN FIGHTING THIS PROPOSAL. DEPT IS PROBABLY CORRECT THAT, IF WE TAKE NO INITIATIVE IN CONTRARY SENSE, PROPOSAL WILL PROBABLY FAIL BECAUSE OF EE OPPOSITION. IF WE CANNOT ACTIVELY SUPPORT IDEA, THEN WE COULD AT LEAST NOT OPPOSE IT BUT RATHER SHOW MILDLY POSITIVE ATTITUDE. THIS, WE BELIEVE, WILL BE WELL RECEIVED BY CERTAIN ARAB MEMBER STATES AND LEAVE DIRTY WORK FOR SOVS AND OTHERS.

3. ACCORDINGLY DEPT IS REQUESTED TO RE-EXAMINE ITS POSITION CONTAINED REF A. COMMENTS OF EMBASSY BEIRUT WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED.
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